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Intelligence Community Staff

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The Honorable Judith Connor
Assistant Secretary for Policy and
International Affairs
Department of Transportation
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Ms. Connor:

On 11 March 1983, the Senior Interagency Group (Intelligence) will convene to consider, among other items, a draft policy paper -- Proposed NSDD -- US Overflight Security Program. This paper was recently prepared by the Interagency Group (Countermeasures) under the direction of General Richard Stilwell, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Policy and Planning); a copy is attached. Development of the draft paper included assistance from Mr. Tom Messier, DOT (FAA).

On behalf of the Director of Central Intelligence, who will chair the meeting, I invite your participation in the Group's discussion of this specific item on the agenda.

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The meeting will convene at 3:00 p.m. at the Intelligence Community Headquarters, [redacted]. Please indicate your attendance (or that of your designee) to [redacted], by noon 10 March.

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Respectfully,

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Executive Secretary, SIG(I)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, SENIOR INTERAGENCY GROUP-INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: National Policy for Overflights of Foreign Civil Aircraft (U)

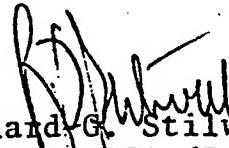
(C) Section VII, paragraph D., of last year's NSSD-2 Study, Capabilities Against the Hostile Intelligence Threat 1983-1988, noted that overflights of civil aircraft from certain countries posed a potential security threat to the United States and suggested the need for a mechanism to promulgate policy and coordinate interagency activities relating to such flights.

(U) The Interagency Group/Countermeasures (IG/CM) has developed a response to that need (TAB A), which we recommend for SIG-I approval and promulgation, as appropriate, as national policy.

(U) There is a unanimous consensus that such a mechanism is needed. The proposed program would assign overall responsibility to the Secretary of State and would establish an Overflight Security Committee under the Secretary of Transportation to carry out the provisions of the program.

(U) At the IG/CM meeting of 18 February a representative of the Department of Transportation indicated his Department's preference for either State or Defense to chair the new committee. In view, however, of the general sentiment that the Department of Transportation and its operating agency, the Federal Aviation Administration, are in the best position to anticipate the need for policy determinations and to coordinate any U.S. actions required by particular circumstances, it was agreed to raise the matter to appropriate departmental officials for reconciliation.

(U) Accordingly, it is recommended that when the SIG-I convenes to consider this issue, the Secretary of Transportation, or her representative, be invited to participate.


Richard G. Stilwell
General, USA (Ret.)
Chairman, IG/CM

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